

Medicinal Cannabis Ministerial Group Meeting Notes

Meeting title:	Medicinal Cannabis Ministerial Group
Meeting Date	9 th October 2023
Meeting location:	Teams/in person
Attendees:	<p>Chair: Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture</p> <p>Ministers: Minister for Health and Social Services, Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Environment</p> <p>Officers: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]</p> <p>Private Office: [REDACTED]</p>
Apologies:	[REDACTED]
Agenda:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intro and apologies 2. Terms of Reference 3. AOB

Agenda Item	Meeting Minutes	Agreement
1	<p>Intro and apologies</p> <p>[REDACTED] thanked Ministers for their time and noted that at their previous meeting, Ministers had agreed to give further consideration to the terms of reference. [REDACTED] noted that, in particular, this included the scope of the group and its meeting frequency.</p>	
2	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>MEDTSC noted that amongst the proposed changes to the ToR, HCS officers had included provision for the group to discuss the control and prescribing of cannabis. MEDTSC explained that, on balance, he did not feel it appropriate to include this wider remit in the group's ToR and that the group should focus on the export industry.</p> <p>MEDTSC noted that the Minister for HSS had concerns over the prescribing of cannabis and that he deferred to her on this matter.</p>	<p>Ministers agreed to establish a separate group to oversee the public policy aspects of cannabis and to keep this group solely focused on export.</p> <p>Ministers agreed the need for a</p>

	<p>MJHA explained that there was a distinction between the local production (for export) and prescribing on island, noting that the medicinal cannabis prescribed in Jersey was not locally grown. MEDTSC agreed.</p> <p>MENV concurred, noting that there was a clear need to have a group to coordinate Government work overseeing the export industry as a distinct entity. MENV added that there was a case to be made for a separate group to consider prescribing in Jersey and to establish the policing of cannabis.</p> <p>██████████ agreed with MENV, explaining that a group to provide direction on the public policy space around cannabis would likely include the same Ministers as this group, with the possible exception of MEDTSC.</p> <p>████ suggested that this latter group would be important during the forthcoming review of the Misuse of Drugs Law and that it would be necessary to engage with the Medicinal Cannabis Ministerial Group to ensure the economic implications of any changes were well understood.</p> <p>MHSS suggested that establishing a clear pipeline for the development of the enhanced regulatory framework would be important both to provide reassurance to the industry and to Scrutiny. Ministers agreed.</p> <p>It was agreed that officers would revise the draft ToR to reflect the above discussions and further draft a ToR for the public policy cannabis group.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the Group should seek to meet every month when possible.</p>	<p>clear pipeline for the development of the regulatory framework.</p> <p>It was agreed that officers would revise the draft ToR to reflect the above discussions and further draft a ToR for the public policy cannabis group.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the Group should seek to meet every month when possible.</p>
3	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no AOB</p>	

Action Points

Agenda item	Description	Assigned to
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2	It was agreed that officers would revise the draft ToR to reflect the above discussions and further draft a ToR for the public policy cannabis group.	
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